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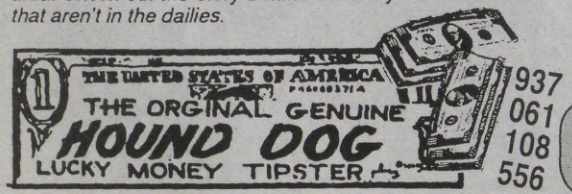
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By JOE COOK

You have probably never heard of "N.U.D." With good reason. It is the acronym for a very subtle and little known marketing term specifically directed toward people of color. NUD stands for Non Urban Dictate.

Three words that essentially mean a company is not interested in the Black Consumer. (A NUD label means that a company does not want their marketing and advertising materials placed in media that claim an urban audience as their main target.)

There are legitimate reasons for companies not using urban radio. It may be that blacks don't index high in certain categories or that a company's strategy is to market to the Black consumer down the road after they have established a strong position in their primary target.

But a NUD usually means that a company is not interested in the Black consumer. Companies evade discrimination liability by embracing it as theory rather than policy. As a service to Black consumers, the Urban Institute will list all companies that have a NUD policy. Armed with this information, we feel that Black consumers will be able to make informed buying decisions. Companies with NUD:

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Please forward this information on to any other consumer that you consider a friend and advise them to do likewise. Remember, we can't act wisely unless we are informed wisely.

tick tick TICK TICK **POLLY TICKS...**

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

This column, which is exclusive to *The Black Mirror News*, will bring the "truth" to our community when others "lie".

BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS

We are a trusting people, probably the only folks on the planet-earth who welcome, without any questions,, total strangers into our community.

We never ask ourselves, why would someone who, by their own admission, is uncomfortable around black folks, who grew-up in a white suburban middle class community, and prefers the company of whites, move into the Central Ward, the Harlem of New Jersey?

We never ask ourselves, why is the media trying to convince us that we have a "savior" in our midst – although no one can point to anything – this "savior" has done for Newark! The "savior" hasn't helped to create one job or bring in one dollar of aid to Newark.

– TALK IS CHEAP –

It it very easy to ride into town on a borrowed white horse and have the boys at *The Star-Ledger* proclaim you, the savior of our city. You who know so little about our city, that you needed a street map and a paid guide to locate Prince Street.

– WHAT A JOKE –

Newark may not be progressing as fast or in the direction as some folks think it should, but we were doing alright before they rode into town and we will do even better when they leave.

Newark is a tough town, there aren't too many simple answers to our problems. Ours is a diverse community, it is not a one-stop shopping or a one-size fits all community; What is good for the North Ward might not work in the South Ward.

But, when your mission is to capture control of our city on behalf of folks none of us know, you wouldn't understand what I am talking about, you can't see what really holds this multi-cultural melting-pot together!

Dress a monkey in a suit, it's still a monkey.

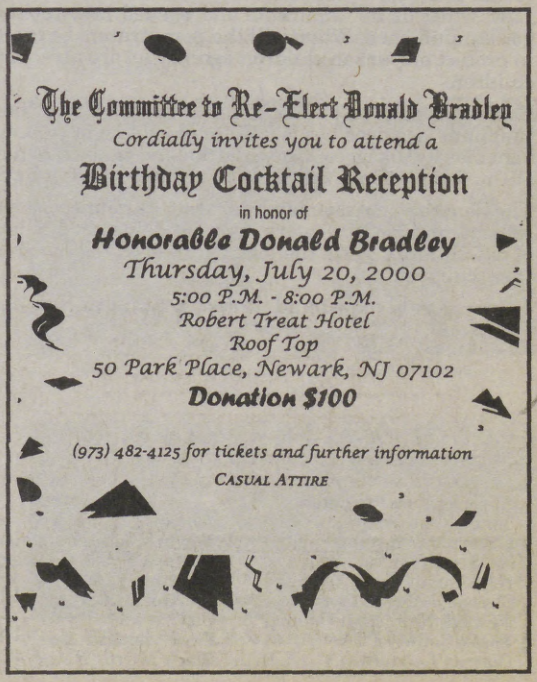
Remove a snake's fangs, it's still a snake.

Spray perfume on a pig, it's still a pig.

– BUT –

A TROJAN HORSE ON BROAD STREET.

WHAT IS IT REALLY??



A LETTER FROM...

Councilwoman-at-Large BESSIE WALKER

Regarding the accountability for the fiscal mismanagement in the Newark Public Schools

June 29, 2000

Mr. John Farmer, Attorney General
Department of Law and Public Safety
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex
Market and Warren
P. O. Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Mr. Farmer:

The incongruities in government and the uneven concept of justice as practiced in New Jersey continue to be a source of astonishment and dismay to me.

The latest and most glaring instance of justice gone awry is the sentencing of the teachers supposedly involved in an insurance scam perpetrated by Ridgewood psychologist Carl Litchman. On June 27, 2000, a former employee of the Newark Public Schools was given a sentence of three (3) years for allegedly obtaining $4,000 in a fraudulent manner. At the same time Dr. Beverly Hall, Leonard Hellenbrand and other co-conspirators have left the Newark Public Schools with a shortfall in excess of $73 million dollars, while being praised for the wonderful job that they did.

I certainly am not an apologist for individuals who have engaged in criminal behavior. However, it seems there is a dichotomy in holding an individual accountable for $4,000, while not doing the same for individual(s) who were responsible for the misspending of millions of dollars.

The crimes committed in the school district were all the more heinous for having been committed against children. Children throughout the past school year were deprived of books, instructional materials and even teachers because of the misdeeds of adults. In addition, they were subjected to overcrowded classrooms and inadequate facilities. Laws are made to protect children against child abuse, such as Megan's Law, which is an admirable and needed law, yet the criminal and educational injustice done in Newark goes unpunished. When will the perpetrators be brought to justice? Perhaps legislators need to enact a law to protect our urban children against future atrocities by the State and the people they hire to oversee our children.

Commissioner Hespe has consistently said that there was no wrongdoing involved in the expenditure of the funds. He does not feel there should be any accountability on the part of Dr. Hall and her colleagues. I vehemently disagree. Our children and taxpayers have paid a heavy price and continue to bear the burden of the fiscal mismanagement in the Newark Public Schools.

The Senate and Assembly Education Committees held joint hearings in Trenton, but they have consistently refused to come to Newark. Our residents need to be informed of their plans for addressing this fiscal rape of our children. Also, the legislators need to hear from the residents how this fiasco has effected them and their children.

Justice is said to be blind. It appears that in New Jersey when it suits certain individuals, it is blind, deaf and dumb.

Yours truly,

Bessie Walker

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June 27, 2000
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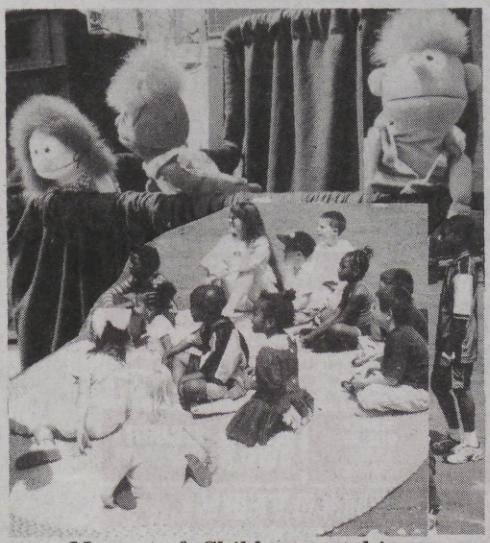
WORLD IMPACT SUMMER FESTIVAL

A warm, sunny day greeted the many visitors who attended the World Impact-Newark Christian School's (WINCS) first fund raiser for World Impact Ministries-NCS and Associated churches. The hugh festival was held behind their newly acquired headquarters at 275 Sussex Avenue, Newark, N.J.

Showcase of the event was a super rummage sale of toys, furniture, clothing, and household articles. Booths were manned by member volunteers from Newark and all over the country and from all walks of life.

Children were treated to clowns, puppets, games and prizes.

Ron Klaassen, Coordinator, stated that the fund will be used to provide community outreach to meet the physical and spiritual needs of inner city residents. They also hope to provide a setting for suburban churches to get involved by helping to build community and local church relationships. WINCS is presently assisting groups in the Stephen Crane Village, Seth Boyden, and 18th Avenue



Muppets & Children watching



Carroll P. Cole.
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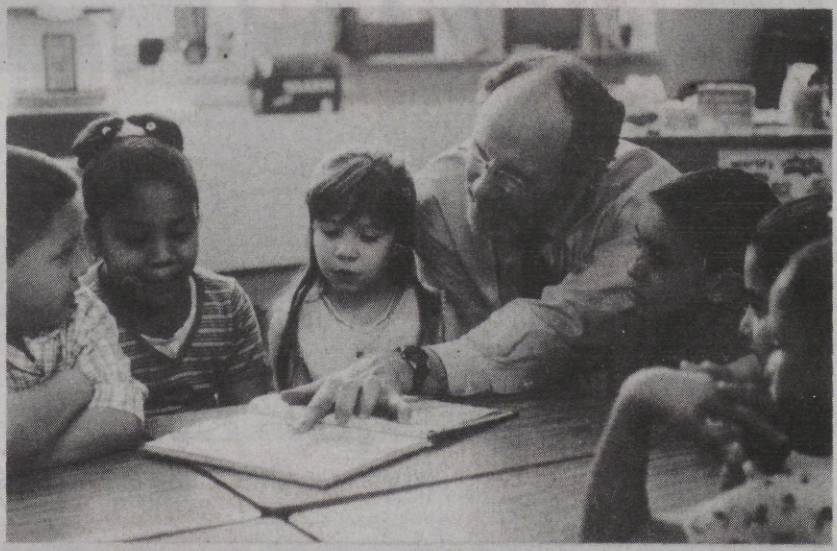
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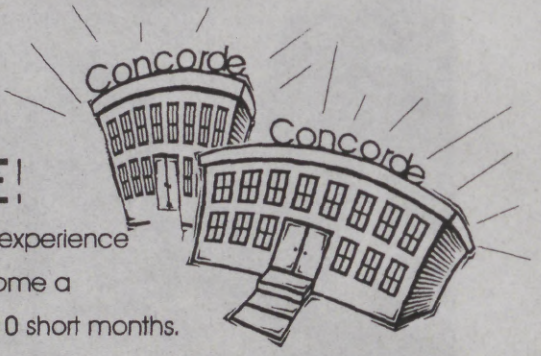
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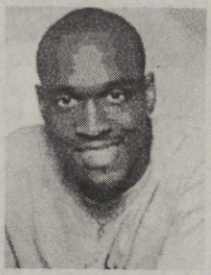
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SUMMER 2000 HUNKS...

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CBS-TV's SURVIVORS

GERVASE PETERSON



Gervase hails from Philadelphia and is a youth basketball coach. He attended Lincoln Technical Institute for two years.

His proudest accomplishment is living to see the results of playing and coaching his kids, enjoying a game of basketball. His hero is his his mother who gave up everything after his father passed way when he was fifteen years old.

Gervase's three favorite hobbies are watching movies, basketball, and anything revolving around actress Salma Hayek. His birth date is November 2, 1969.

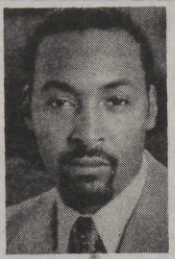
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HBO-TV's THE CORNER

Actor, SEAN NELSON



He's surely an up-and-coming presence on the entertainment scene. We expect big things for this "summer hunk".



Check out:

NBC-TV's LAW AND ORDER

Actor, JESSE L. MARTIN

Born in Rocky Mountain, Virginia, and raised in Buffalo, NY, Jesse L. Martin joined "Law & Order" for its 10th season as the compulsive and passionate Detective Edward Green Jordan.

Martin says "If I wasn't acting, I would want to be a teacher,", which may explain why his role as AIDS counselor Antonio Collin on '413 Hope Street' is among his favorites. As for dream roles, Martin says he would love to play music legend Marvin Gaye.

When not working, Martin loves watching sports and is a huge basketball fan. He lives in New York City.

His birthday is January 18.

Check out:

ABC-TV's NYPD BLUE

Actor, HENRY SIMMONS



An exceptional athlete, Henry Simmons pursued his business degree while attending college on a basketball scholarship. After graduating, he accepted a position at a prestigious Fortune 500 company, and it was only a short while later that he decided to pursue acting full time. Simmons began his acting career while doing odd jobs to support himself, and often spent nights sleeping on a friend's couch or in the back room of the theater in which he was performing.

He got his lucky break while rehearsing for an independent feature film. Although that film was never produced, it led to a role in the New Line feature, Above the Rim. What followed were numerous on-stage appearances at LaMaMa Theatre Company in Geranos, and at other esteemed institutions.

In 1996, Simmons landed a role in a pilot, which led to a role on the soap, Another World. Other television credits include appearances on New York Undercover, Swift Justice, Saturday Night Live and The Cosby Mysteries. His film credits include the independent romantic comedy, Snow Days, and On the QT, in which he portrayed the son of James Earl Jones' character.

Simmons has two sisters, including one twin, and maintains a close relationship with his family.

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Hope Springs Eternal, the new Hope VI townhouse development, which is replaciing the old Walsh Homes housing project, is ready to open Phase I of the198 unit development.

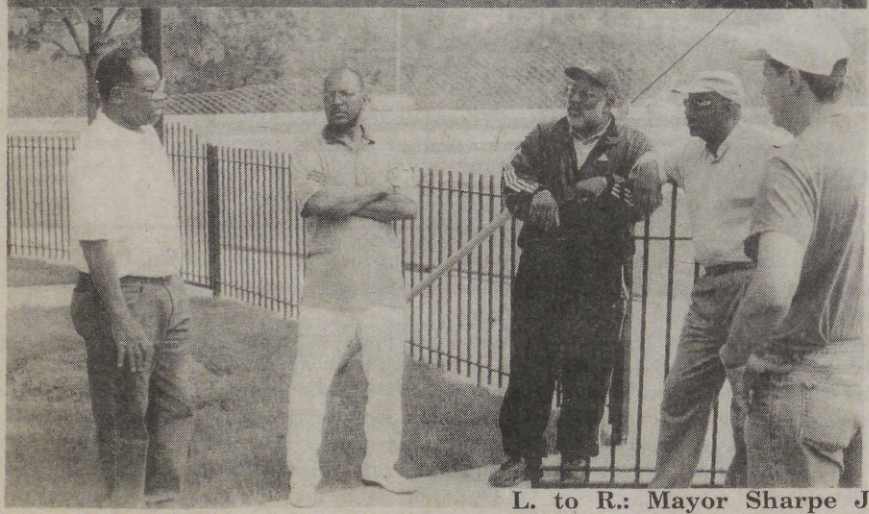
Phase I of the development consists of 51 townhouses, from one to four bedroom units.

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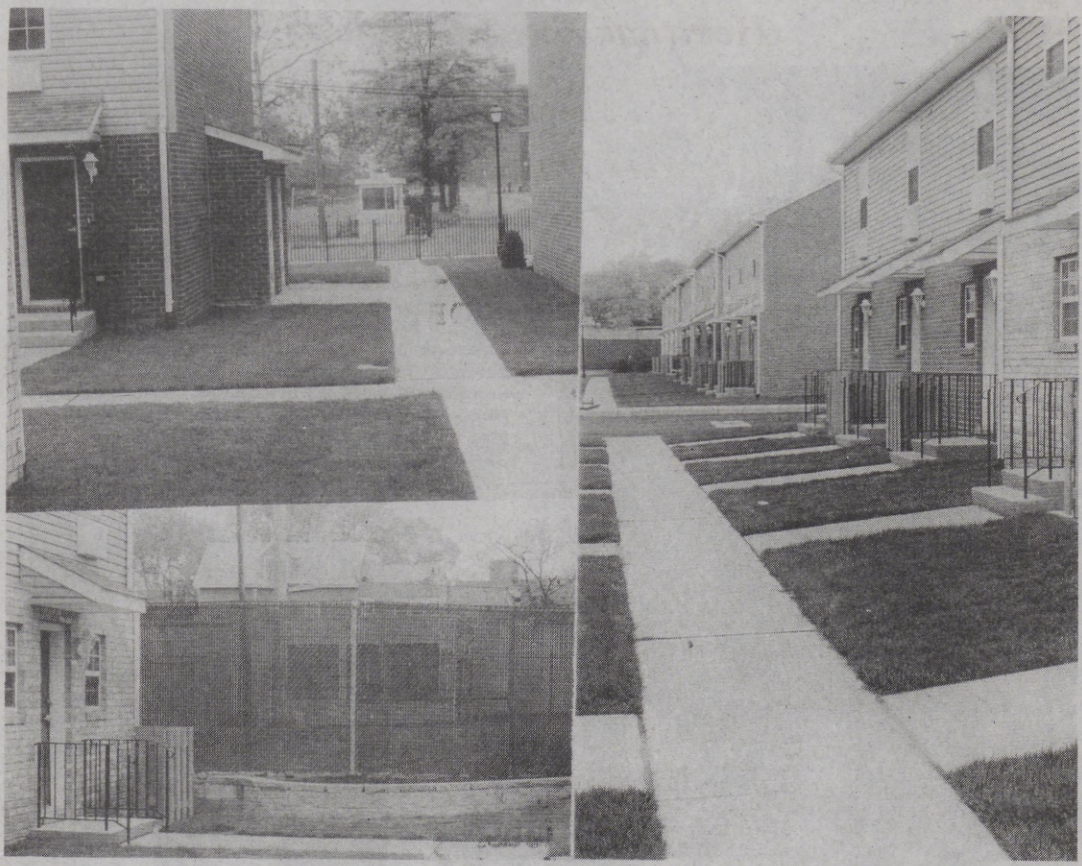
Phase 3 and 4 will open in October.

Front Entrance





L. to R.: Mayor Sharpe James, Will Allen's builders NKA, Ruben Johnson and Todd Licatn, builder.



Rear Yards



L. to R.: Taylor, Mayor Sharpe James, and Todd Licatn, builder.

African American Heritage Parade Committee, Inc. – Heritage Awards Gala





Calvin West was honored with this year's Governmental Service Heritage Award, for his exceptional contribution to the African American Community. The event was a black tie reception.

This year proved to be a very special celebration to salute our 2000 Grand Marshall, Danny Williams and renowned historian Catherine "Kitty" Brooks as our Deputy Grand Marshall. With 20 balloons depicting notable ancestors, this year's celebration proved to be most historical.

Other honorees were: Carol Smith - Corporate Heritage Award; Trish Yamba - Community Service; Rev. William D. Watley - Religious/Spiritual Enrichment Heritage Award. Housing Authority Director Robert Graham was also a guest speaker at this affair.













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AFTER HOURS AFTER HOURS

Wow! We attended the **Black Tie Heritage Awards Gala** at the **Marriott Hotel** sponsored by the **African American Heritage Parade Committee**. T'was great – the honorees were **Calvin D. West** - *Governmental Service Heritage Award*, **Trish Yamba** - *Community Service - Carl Smith Heritage Award*, and **Rev. William D. Watley** - *Religious Spiritual Enrichment Heritage Award*. See photos on pages 10 and 11.... did you know that **Kelly Stratford** was a staff member of NJ's **Channel 12 TV** – smiles... **Linda Bellamy** and **Alfred Hitman ND** at **PAC** two Thursdays ago... **Jose** and **Julie** welcome you to **La Estrella Borinquero** on or at 439 Central Avenue in Newark, NJ... **The Men of Quality** are getting ready to have a place for 100 ladies for *"Ladies' Night,"* it promises to be the spot where men wear jackets and ties, (no sneakers or dungarees, please)....**Mary Wilson** of the **Supremes** was sweet on a friend in New Jersey a year or two ago – she was earning better than a million a year then, before **Diana** made a offer to her – smiles. P.S. you can quote this column. ... Haven't seen **Lucy Gracia Brown**, lately, she is vice president of **Newark Community School of the Arts**... **"Black Issues Convention,"** calls for a summit on HIV/AIDS to fight on-going crises in the Black and Hispanic communities... **Eddy** the waitress, can do the Swing or Lindy Hop to the death – smiles... Is the **Bridge Club** open yet? Well check and see, because from what I've seen it really classy... **Ike Tucker** of Union County is having a *Good Old Days Get Together* in **Warinanco Park** in August... vocalist **Carrie Jackson** at **"MAIZE,"** featured Wednesday nights, located in the **Robert Treat Hotel**... **Mike Rodriguez** in Hawaii on business – smiles... **One Hundred Black Men** asking all Black and Hispanic men to take time to take a prostate test now!...Where is **Wendy Johnson**, the airline hostess on Continental? Traveling to and fro to Europe – I suppose! smiles... **P.A.C.** party time after 5 o'clock, says **Debbie**. Hundreds turned out last Thursday and Friday. And, Fridays blues band was *sumpin'* – smiles.

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ARTHUR GEORGE YANCY
a member of Queen of Angels Church
Arthur was a decorated World War II veteran and also served in the Air Force. He leaves to mourn: his beloved wife of thirty-four years, Georgia Mae Yancy and many relatives and friends.

REV. ELAYNE BRODIE, 67
activist for education
Elayne Brodie was involved in politics, a Baptist pastor and the rallying voice of Newark's African-American community. She was a pastor at the Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church in Newark.

ARMANDO 'ACE' ALAGNA, 75
Italian champion
Through his weekly Newark newspaper the Italian Tribune, he was the dominant voice of Italian-Americans in New Jersey.

"Ace Alagna" and his Italian Tribune were institutions as far back as I can remember," said Newark Mayor Sharpe James. He was a founder of the Columbus Day parade in Newark. We at the Black Mirror News say good-bye to a publisher and a friend Ace Alagna.

MARILYN H. SMITH
elementary teacher
She taught at the Washington Street School in East Orange before retiring in 1990. Mrs. Smith tutored high school juniors and seniors in the East Orange SAGE program to enhance their reading and writing skills.

MRS. RITA QUATTLEBAUM
The mother of Benjamin Quattlebaum, who served as Chief of Staff, several years ago.

DR. JAMES BROWN, 70
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Social Calendar

Whassup around our town...

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Also cut will be the size of third prize Lotto payoffs. Third-prize winners will collect about $56.00 down from $60.00. The pool for second prize won't change. But the longer odds will raise its payoffs to an average of $2,700 per winner, up from $2,000.00.

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Well, well, it seems that between golfer **Tiger Woods** and the phenomenal tennis-playing sisters **Venus** and **Serena Williams** – *"we got game!"*. (smiles)... **Freeda Forman** floored opponent LaQuanda Landers with the first punch she landed, then knocked her out at 1:44 of the second in her boxing debut. (Her dad, former heavyweight champion **George Foreman** refused to attend the bout in Las Vegas.) And, in another debut by the daughter of a former heavyweight champion, **Maria Johansson** of Sweden fought bravely but was battered in a split decision loss to Karrie Frye, of LaPorte, Ind., in their super middleweight bout, recently. Hmmm – with **Joe Frazier** and **Muhammad Ali's** daughters in the fight game – *I smell an elimination tournament between the foursome!...* Good luck to **Grant Hill** formerly of the Detroit Pistons, on his big free-agent contract with Orlando Magic... Looks like **Mike Tyson's** dream of challenging **Lenox Lewis** for the IBF and WBC crowns will have to wait until he defends against **David Tua**. Tuna is the No. 1 contender for these titles. And don't forget that **Lewis** will defend those titles on July 15 in London against **Frans Botha**.

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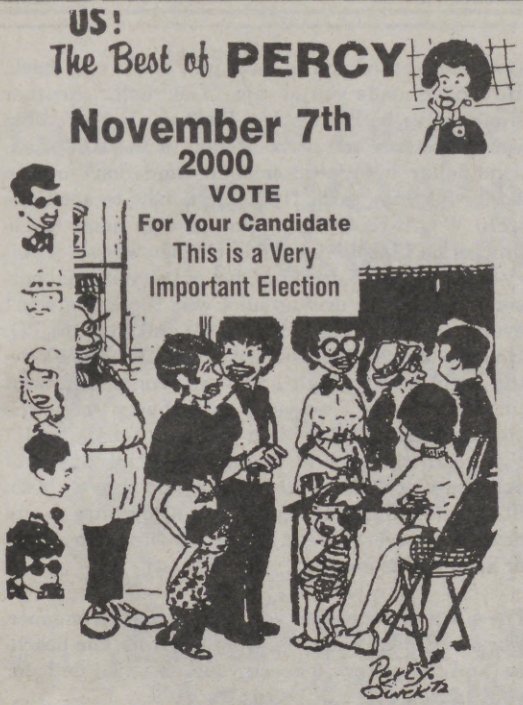
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THE STARS

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 19–What seems to be too good to be true is in fact false. Basic research is necessary in a new business deal. Offer your assistance and be as cooperative as possible.

TAURUS APRIL 20-MAY 20–You can accomplish more than you ever thought possible with clear thinking and determination. Don't fear intuition. Travel plans go haywire; keep your feet on the ground. You can benefit from old friends and ideas.

GEMINI MAY 21-JUNE 21– Keep to yourself at work; office politics heat up, and you don't want to get-stuck in the middle. Romance is in your chart now, and you will win over someone who has resisted you in the past.

CANCER JUNE 22 JULY 22– Your charm and appeal will take you far in life. Parents have a profound influence on a child's education. Pay close attention to the details; don't let things slip through the cracks.

LEO JULY 23-AUG. 22–A family member wants you to go on a trip. Don't accept if your finances are not in order. Small gestures are greatly appreciated at work Give praise to those who help with organization.

VIRGO AUG. 23-SEPT. 22–Accomplishing one small task brings you closer to a larger goal. Focus your efforts toward the big picture, and let other problems resolve themselves.

LIBRA– OCT. 23–You will be asked advice on a delicate situation; keep details to yourself. On the job, you move up if you are flexible but firm. A partner desires your best efforts, so stay focused on the task at hand.

SCORPIO OCT. 24 NOV. 21–A stressful situation spills over to you. Keep a cool head. Don't abandon your principles. A nemesis disappears or is no longer a threat. Try not to keep a lover waiting this afternoon.

SAGITTARIUS NOV. 22-DEC. 21–Lately you feel as if you are all alone. Creativity gets you through – you know you are right, so stick to your guns. Grasp the significance of a relationship now before it is too late.

CAPRICORN DEC. 22-JAN. 19–Dress for success tonight. Good impressions lead to a promotion or added recognition. Financial security is available to you if you want it. Get ready for success.

AQUARIUS JAN. 20-FEB 18–Careful you may be caught in a love triangle. What began as a harmless flirtation has turned into something more. Everyone wants autonomy, so be respectful of others' wishes.

PISCES FEB. 19-MARCH 20–An older person appreciates the added attention. Bestow a favor only if you are genuinely moved to do so. Money comes through creative thought; believe it, and It will come your way.

THE SHADOW KNOWS...



In my last column, I told you about the married brother who is keeping two wives and families. Well *The Shadow* has since learned that very soon, his wife will find out about the other woman and the s--t will hit the fan – big time. He thinks he's cool – but *The Shadow knows* that one of his best friends told on him, now he's waiting for the guy's wife to put him in the hospital or the cemetery, so he can move into a ready-made family... *The Shadow* gets very uptight when he sees some of the young brothers standing on the corner with their pants down to their knees trying to look like Rap stars – selling drugs and trying to see how tacky they can look. If you think no school is cool, wait ten years – look in the mirror and see a big fool. *The Shadow knows...* I want to speak to that sister who lives on So. Munn Ave. in East Orange near Main St. You think you're so fine with your long red fingernails and your extra, extra long hair. You've got more extensions than AT&T and thanks to you and all of your other sisters – all of the women in Korea are now bald-headed – cause they've sold their hair. (You know, if God had wanted you to have hair down your back, He'd have made you an ape.) Get real!... Another thing that's bothering *The Shadow*, is how these young brothers can drive around in these 80 thousand-dollar luxury automobiles and don't own a Social Security card. Don't know how to spell the word W-O-R-K, either.... One case in point is the brother on Lincoln Avenue in Orange who's a jewelry-wearing, Moet drinking, fur coat having, no personality, Beemer driving idiot who thinks he won't ever get caught. His ride is a '99 and so is his I.Q. He gave up school for the fast street life and he's living high, getting high and flying high. But, wait until he crashes. Then you'll get a chance to see who your real friends are when you try to make bail... I've heard the cops in Orange are thinking about opening a precinct inside of a certain club on Main Street, they figure that way they won't have to run down there every fifteen minutes to break up a fight or keep traffic moving.

I'm outta of here! See you next issue. Remember, *The Shadow* is watching: from the hills, the beaches, and the water, so check yourself or I'll do it for you!

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Naturally, everything will be held in the strictest confidence, and names will be changed, to protect the guilty!

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